

Claims

What is claimed is:

1. A medical information management system, comprising:
a networked connection to at least one source of medical record information;
a main display window;
a first set of navigation buttons associated with said main display window;
a second set of navigation buttons associated with said main display window
and linked to said first set of navigation buttons;

said first and second set of navigation buttons being operative to access said medical records via said networked connection and to selectively display information based on said medical records in said main display window.
2. The system of claim 1 wherein said networked connection is a wireless connection.
3. The system of claim 1 further comprising handheld display device having touch screen interface and wherein said main display window and said first and second set of navigation buttons are implemented using said display device.
4. The system of claim 1 further comprising expert system plugin module for controlling the manner in which said first and second set of navigation buttons interact to selectively display information in said main display window.

5. The system of claim 1 further comprising networked connection to at least one electronic mail server system and wherein selected ones of said first and second set of navigation buttons interface with said mail server system to integrate electronic mail messages with said medical record information.

6. The system of claim 1 further including bookmark system that integrates with said navigation buttons and said main display window, said bookmark system having local data storage for preserving a record of user-selected information for later display within said main display window.

7. The system of claim 1 wherein selected ones of said first and second set of navigation buttons have associated record filtering functionality capable of restricting the content displayed in said main display window.

8. The system of claim 1 wherein said main display window supports the display of multimedia information.

9. The system of claim 1 further including voice dictation interface through which the user enters voice dictation for storage and subsequent retrieval.

10. The system of claim 9 wherein said voice dictation interface is a wireless interface communicating with said information management system in response to selected ones of said navigation buttons.